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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator,	F. J. Hutchins
Clerk,	W. W. Eastman
Selectmen,	E. L. Morse, L. H. Parker, John Boutin
Treasurer,	S. H. Dexter
Collector,	Lee B. McKean
Supervisors of Check List,	G. H. Clark, V. A. Brooks, H. H. Elliott
Sextons,	L. H. Parker, James Crimmins
Road Agents,	S. H. Dexter, G. N. Belyea, N. Burk
Surveyors of Wood and Lumber,	W. W. Eastman, G. N. Belyea, L. H. Parker
Library Trustees,	N. Burk, W. W. Eastman, A. U. Mardin
Trustees of Trust Funds,	S. H. Dexter, W. W. Eastman, L. H. Parker
Board of Health,	S. H. Dexter and Selectmen
School Board,	W. W. Eastman, S. H. Dexter, N. Burk
Auditor,	Lee B. McKean
Constable,	V. A. Brooks
Fence Viewers,	G. H. Clark, V. A. Brooks, N. Burk
Librarian,	W. W. Eastman
Poundkeeper,	J. E. Cox

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton in the County of Grafton, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Benton, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To choose one Selectman for three years.

Article 4. To choose one or more Highway Agents for the ensuing year, not to exceed three.

Article 5. To choose one Library Trustee for three years.

Article 6. To choose one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years.

Article 7. To chose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and building bridges for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for trunk line maintenance for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for trunk line construction for the ensuing year.

Article 11. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for state aid maintenance for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to accept the provision of chapter 117, laws of 1917 on section of the Moosilauke road, so called, and appropriate or set aside from the amount raised for highway work the sum of $100.00 for this purpose.

Article 13. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to prevent the blister rust on white pine forest in Benton. for the ensuing year.

Article 14. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for memorial for the ensuing year.

Article 15. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for other town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 16. To choose all other necessary town officers and transact any other business thought proper when met.

Article 17. To bring in your votes for the election of delegates at large, alternate delegates at large, district delegates, alternate district delegates to the national convention of the Democratic and Republican parties to be held for the purpose of nominating party candidates for President and Vice-president of the United States.

Given under our hand and seal this 20th day of February, 1924.

E. L. MORSE,
LEBINA H. PARKER,
JOHN BOUTIN,

Selectmen of Benton.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year (February 1, 1924 to January 31, 1925), compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year (February 1, 1923 to January 31, 1924).

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue 1923	Estimated Revenue 1924
From State:		
~~Insurance~~ Tax Savings bank	$ 50 03	$ 50 03
Railroad Tax	46 78	46 78
For Highways	700 00	700 00
State aid maintenance	300 00	500 00
Trunk line maintenance	950 00	750 00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Int. on taxes and deposits	8 89	
From Poll Taxes:		
Poll taxes	507 00	400 00
National forest reserve	156 45	150 00
Permits for motor vehicles	114 29	100 00
Trust funds for highways	102 74	102 00
Abatement part state tax	350 00	350 00
Revenue Applicable Only to New Construction and Improvements:		
From State:		
State aid highway construction	105 99	105 00
Trunk line " "	2,508 75	10,000 00
Revenue Which Must be Paid to Other Governmental Divisions	2,218 44	2,300 00
Total Revenue from all Sources Except Property Taxes	$ 8,119 36	$14,553 81
Amount Raised by Property Taxes	4,048 88	4,000 00
Total Revenues	$12,168 24	$18,553 81

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures 1923	Estimated Expenditures 1924
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 217 00	$ 250 00
Town Officers' Expenses	88 09	100 00
Health:		
Vital Statistics	5 00	5 00
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid Maintenance:		
State's contribution	300 00	500 00
Town's contribution	300 00	500 00
Trunk Line Maintenance:		
State's contribution	700 00	2,250 00
Town's contribution	350 00	750 00
Town Maintenance	150 00	100 00
General Expense of Highway Department	782 11	700 00
Education:		
Libraries	15 00	15 00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day, Celebrations	17 23	15 00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	9 00	10 00
Interest:		
On temporary loans	66 83	
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and Bridges:		
Trunk Line Construction:		
State's contribution	2,220 76	10,000 00
Town's contribution	627 00	1,500 00
Indebtedness:		
Payment on Principal of Debt:		
Short term notes	2,500	
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Taxes	379 50	379 50
County Taxes	408 81	408 81
Payments to School Districts	1,416 98	1,300 00
83 Poll Taxes @ $2.00	166 00	150 00
Total Expenditures	$10,729 31	$18,933 31

INVENTORY

Of The Town of Benton, April 1, 1923

Polls, 4 @ $3	$ 12 00	
Polls, 99 @ $5	495 00	
Total Poll Tax		$507 00
Lands and buildings, less exemption	188,677 00	
Horses, 47	5,975 00	
Oxen, 4	325 00	
Cows, 186	9,265 00	
Neat stock, 17	455 00	
Hogs, 7	85 00	
Sheep, 11	50 00	
Fowls, 102	125 00	
Portable Mills, 4	400 00	
Vehicles, 8	425 00	
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit	466 00	
Total exclusive of exemption		$206,248 00
Amount of taxes committed to collector	4,637 96	
Average rate per cent of taxes for all purposes	2 00	
Amount exempted to soldiers	1,000 00	

APPROPRIATIONS

Highways and bridges	$ 700 00	
Patroling unimproved Moosilauke road	150 00	
Trunk line construction	627 00	
Trunk line maintenance	350 00	
State aid maintenance	300 00	
Memorial	6 75	
Library	15 00	
Town charges	250 00	
State Tax	379 50	
County tax	408 81	
Dues for tax assessors	2 00	
Overlay	148 90	
		$3,337 96

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Amount raised for all purposes	$1,300 00

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Benton in Grafton County, for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1924

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

E. L. MORSE,
LEBINA H. PARKER,
JOHN BOUTIN,
Selectmen.

ASSETS

Cash:	$ 776 72	
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due from State:		
Joint highway accounts, unexpended balances in state treasury	490 67	
Total assets		$1,267 39
Net debt—Surplus, January 31, 1923	1,812 64	
Net debt—Surplus, January 31, 1924	1,267 39	
Increase of debt, of surplus	$ 545 25	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:		
Unexpended bal. in state treasury	490 67	
Unexpended bal. in town treasury	408 17	
Total Liabilities		$898 84
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)		368 55
Grand Total		$1,267 39

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:			
From Local Taxes:			
Property taxes committed to collector, 1923	$4,637 96		
Less discounts and abatements, 1923	$82 08		
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 4 @ $3			
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 83 @ $5			
Total of above collections			$4,555 88
From State:			
For highways:			
For State Aid maintenance		300 98	
For Trunk Line maintenance		950 00	
For Trunk Line construction		2,009 00	
Railroad tax		50 03	
Savings bank tax		46 78	
Bounties		108 40	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses		41 00	
Interest received on taxes		8 89	
Permits for the registration of motor vehicles		114 29	
National forest reserve for schools and highways		156 45	
Trust funds for highways		102 74	
Two lots in cemetery		15 00	
Abatement of part state tax		350 00	
			$4,253 56
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:			
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year		$2,500 00	
Refunds		82 08	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue			$2,582 08
Total Receipts From All Sources			$11,391 52
Cash on hand February 1, 1923			776 72
Grand Total			$12,168 24

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	$ 217 00	
Town officers' expenses	88 09	
Protectiion of Persons and Property:		
Bounties	108 40	
Health:		
Vital statistics	5 00	
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid maintenance	610 34	
Trunk Line maintenance	626 44	
Town maintenance	922 57	
General expenses of highway department, including watering troughs	782 11	
Libraries:		
Libraries	15 00	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exercises	17 23	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	9 00	
Unclassified:		
Twenty auto permits	5 00	
Miscellaneous	82 08	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		$3,488 26
Interest:		
Paid on long term notes	66 83	
Total Interest Payments		$ 66 83
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and bridges—State Aid construction	105 99	
Highways and bridges—Trunk Line construction	2,508 75	
Total Outlay Payments		$2,614 74

Indebtedness:		$2,500 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to State	379 50	
Taxes paid to County	408 81	
Payments to School Districts	1,416 98	
83 Poll taxes @ $2	166 00	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		$2,371 29
Total Payments for all Purposes		$11,041 12
Cash on hand January 31, 1924		1,127 12
Grand Total		$12,168 24

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$1,000 00
Town Furniture and Equipment	200 00
Libraries, Furniture and Equipment	250 00
Highway Department, Equipment	200 00
Schools, Land and Buildings	1,200 00
Schools, Equipment	500 00
Union Church	2,000 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Report of dog licenses issued 1923:		
18 dogs @ $2	$36 00	
2 females @ $5	10 00	
Total received		$46 00
Paid out:		
Town Clerk fees	5 00	
Balance paid Town Treasurer	41 00	
Total paid out		$46 00

WILLIAM W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending January 31, 1924

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 31, 1923	$776 72	
L. B. McKean, Collector 1923	4,637 96	
From State	3,971 64	
From local sources except taxes	2,781 92	
Total Received		$12,168 24

PAYMENTS

82 orders of Selectmen	$11,041 12	
Cash on hand	1,127 12	
Total Payments		$12,168 24

S. H. DEXTER, Town Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. There is a balance of $1,127 12 in favor of the Town.

L. B. McKEAN, Auditor.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF TOWN OFFICERS

W. W. Eastman, Town Clerk	30 00
W. W. Eastman, postage and stationary	5 00
G. H. Clark, supervisor	4 50
V. A. Brooks, supervisor	4 50
H. H. Elliott, supervisor	4 50
V. A. Brooks, dog killer	5 00
Grafton County Publishing Co.	55 60
W. J. Randolph, transfers	84
Edson C. Eastman, blanks	7 95
E. L. Morse, Selectman	12 00
John Boutin, Selectman	27 00
S. H. Dexter, ~~Selectman~~ Treasurer	25 00
L. B. McKean, Collector	50 00
L. H. Parker, Selectman	53 00
L. H. Parker, postage, stationary and cash	8 95
L. B. McKean, Auditor	1 50
Grafton County Publishing Co.	4 25
W. F. Farmer, N. H. association	4 00
	$303 59

ROAD AGENTS' REPORT

C. C. Tyler, Agent, 1922

Month of March:	
C. C. Tyler and team, snow, 1 day	$6 00
V. A. Brooks, snow, 1 day	2 50
	$8 50

S. H. Dexter, Agent, 1923

Month of March:	
S. H. Dexter and team, snow, 5 1-2 hours	$ 3 66
L. A. Collins, snow, 5 1-2 hours	1 82
Month of April:	
S. H. Dexter, snow, 7 hours	2 16
Month of May:	
A. U. Mardin on road machine, 1 day	3 00
S. H. Dexter on road machine, 1 day	3 00
J. E. Cox and team, 1 day	6 00
S. H. Dexter and team, 2 days and 7 hours	16 33
S. H. Dexter, 1 day	3 00
Russell Dexter, 2 days and 2 hours	6 60
L. A. Collins, 2 days	6 00
W. W. Eastman, 7 loads gravel @ 15c	1 05
	$52 62
Month of June:	
S. H. Dexter, cement	$9 50
Month of September:	
S. H. Dexter and team, 1 1-2 days	9 00
S. H. Dexter on bridge, 1-2 day	1 50
S. H. Dexter, bridge plank	1 00
S. H. Dexter, drawing cement	1 50
L. A. Collins, 1 1-2 days	4 50
K. L. Howe, 5 days	15 00
E. L. Morse	4 50
John Boutin, 1 day	3 00
L. H. Parker, 1 day	3 00
John Boutin, blasting powder	1 00
	$53 50
Total	$106 12

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. B. McKEAN, Auditor.

N. Burke, Road Agent, 1923

Month of February:	
N. Burke, snow, 1 day	$2 50
N. Burke and team, snow, 1 day	6 00
Month of March:	
N. Burke, snow, 3 days	7 50
C. E. Milliken, snow, 1-2 day	1 25
Perley Farrington, snow, 1-2 day	3 00
	$20 25
Month of April:	
N. Burke, 3 days	9 00
Month of May:	
N. Burke, 8 1-2 days	25 00
N. Burke and team, 16 1-2 days	99 00
	$133 50
Month of June:	
N. Burke and team, 11 days	66 00
N. Burke, 3 1-4 days	9 75
	$75 75
Month of July:	
N. Burke and team, 11 1-2 days	69 00
Month of August:	
N. Burke, 3 1-2 days	10 50
Month of September:	
N. Burke, 14 1-2 days	43 50
N. Burke and team, 6 1-2 days	39 00
L. H. Parker, 2 1-2 days	7 50
V. A. Brooks, 2 1-2 days	7 50
Month of October:	
N. Burke and team, 5 days	30 00
John Boutin and team, 2 days	12 00
Month of January, 1924:	
N. Burke and team, 1 day	6 00
N. Burke, 1-2 day	1 50
W. W. Eastman, 12 loads gravel @ 15c	1 80
	$457 50

G. N. Belyea, Road Agent, 1922

Months of December and January:		
G. N. Belyea and team, snow, 2 days and 6 hours		$16 00
Month of February 1923:		
G. N. Belyea and team, snow, 5 hours		3 33
Month of March:		
G. N. Belyea and team, snow, 3 days and 2 hours		19 33
G. N. Belyea and team, 4 hours		1 33
C. M. Belyea, 4 hours		1 33
		$41 32
Month of April:		
G. N. Belyea, snow, 4 hours		1 33
C. M. Belyea, snow, 8 hours		2 66
G. A. Belyea, snow 4 hours		1 33
		$5 32
Month of August:		
G. N. Belyea and team on Page road, 9 hours		$ 7 00
Georgie Belyea on Page road, 9 hours		3 50
William Belyea on Page road		3 50
		$14 00
Month of November:		
Joe Prue and team, 17 hours		$11 22
Willie Prue, 1-2 day		1 50
Joe Prue, 14 loads gravel @ 8c		1 12
		$13 84
Month of November:		
G. N. Belyea, work on road		$21 00
Peter Lavoie, logs, plank, help and work on Highstreet bridge		$114 21
Total		$209 69
Total paid out:		
G. N. Belyea, road agent, 1923	$209 69	
C. C. Tyler, road agent, 1922	8 50	
N. Burk, road agent, 1923	457 80	
S. H. Dexter, road agent, 1923	106 12	
G. N. Belyea use of water trough	3 00	
V. A. Brooks use of water trough	3 00	
J. E. Cox use of water trough	3 00	
Total paid out		$791 11

Amount raised for Highways, 1923	$700 00	
Amount raised for U. S. 1923	78 23	
Amount paid for autos, 1923	114 29	
Amount raised for Whitcher & Mann fund	102 74	
Total received		$995 26

E. L. MORSE,
LEBINA H. PARKER,
JOHN BOUTIN,

Selectmen of Benton

TRUNK LINE CONSTRUCTION

	State	Town	Total
Appropriated 1923	$ 940 50	$ 627 00	$1,567 50
Extra approp. 1923	1,280 26		1,280 26
Total approp. 1923	$2,220 76	$ 627 00	$2,847 76
Total expended 1923	$2,220 76	$ 627 00	$2,847 76

No balance.

TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

	State	Town	Total
Balance due 1923	$ 1 00		$ 1 00
Appropriated 1923	700 00	350 00	1,050 00
Extra approp. 1923	422 47		422 47
Total approp. 1923	$1,123 47	$ 350 00	$1,473 47
Total expended 1923	$1,123 47	$ 350 00	$1,473 47

No balance.

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE

	State	Town	Total
Balance due 1922	$ 4 68	$ 4 67	$ 9 35
Appropriated 1923	150 00	150 00	300 00
Total approp. 1923	$ 154 68	$ 154 67	$ 309 35
Total expended 1923	$ 102 08	$ 102 08	$ 204 16
Balance due 1924	$ 52 60	$ 52 59	$ 105 19

The above expense is paid under directions of the state highway department on Moosilauke state road so called.

J. H. Morrison and G. N. Belyea, Agents.

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

	State	Town	Total
Appropriated 1922	$ 412 50	$ 330 00	$ 742 50

No expenditures balance due.

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

	State	Town	Total
Balance due 1922	$ 34 62	$ 34 63	$ 69 25
Appropriated 1923	300 00	300 00	600 00
Total approp. 1923	$ 334	$ 334 63	$ 669 25
Total expended 1923	309 05	309 05	618 10
Balance due 1924	$ 25 57	$ 25 58	$ 51 15

The above was laid out on the Swiftwater road so called by L. H. Parker, Agent.

TUNNEL STREAM ROAD

	State	Town	Total
Balance due 1922	$ 50		$ 50
Appropriated 1923	500 00		500 00
Total approp. 1923	500 50		500 50
Total expended 1923	$ 482 42		$ 482 42
Balance due 1924	$ 18 08		$ 18 08

The above was laid out on the Tunnel Stream road, so called.

L. H. PARKER, Agent.

TRUSTEES' REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Ira Whitcher fund, care of Mountain View Cemetery:		
Cash on hand January 31, 1923	$58 47	
Received interest on $500 U. S. bond	21 26	
Total received		$79 73
Paid out as follows:		
C. C. Hill, 1-2 days work in cemetery	$1 50	
L. H. Parker, work in cemetery	15 00	
Total paid out		$16 50
Cash on hand January 31, 1924		$63 23

LEBINA H. PARKER, Trustee.

Received of Whitcher & Mann fund:		
Interest on $500 U. S. bond, for care of lot in Mountain View Cemetery,		$21 24
Paid out as follows:		
L. H. Parker, sexton, care of Whitcher & Mann lot,	$7 00	
For schools	7 12	
For highways	7 12	
Total paid out		$21 24
Received of the Whitcher & Mann fund:		
Interest on $1,000 U. S. bond for care of Mountain Viiew Cemetery,		$42 50
Paid out as follows:		
For schools	$21 25	
For highways,	21 25	
Total paid out		$42 50
Received of the Whitcher & Mann fund:		
Interest on the $1,750 U. S. bond, for highways	$74 37	
From Whitcher & Mann lot in cemetery	7 12	

From Whitcher & Mann, care of Mountain View Cemetery	21 25	
Total received		$102 74
Paid out as follows:		
S. H. Dexter, Town Treasurer, for highways	102 74	
Received of the Whitcher & Mann fund:		
Interest from $1,750 U. S. bond for schools	$74 38	
From Whitcher & Mann lot in cemetery	7 12	
From Whitcher & Mann, care of Mountain View Cemetery	21 25	
Total received		$102 75
Paid out as follows:		
L. H. Parker, school treasurer		$102 75
Received of L. H. Parker:		
Rent of Mountain View field		$50 00
Paid out as follows:		
L. H. Parker, sexton, care of Prescott Parker, Spofford Cowen, David Bowman and other lots in Mountain View Cemetery	$30 00	
L. H. Parker, for dressing and delivering the same	20 00	
Total paid out		$50 00
Received of the Lisbon Savings Bank:		
Interest on $134.71, J. C. Speed fund, care of lot in Mountain View Cemetery		$5 42
Paid out as follows:		
L. H. Parker, sexton, care of lot in Mountain View Cemetery		$5 42

Received of the Lisbon Savings Bank:

Interest on $200, Whitcher & Kendall fund, care of lot in Mountain View Cemetery	$8 08

Paid out as follows:

L. H. Parker, sexton, care and grading of Whitcher & Kendall lot in Mountain View Cemetery	$8 08

S. H. DEXTER,
W. W. EASTMAN,
LEBINA H. PARKER,

Trustees of Trust Funds of Benton.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. B. McKEAN, Auditor.

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Benton on January 31, 1924

Date	Name of Fund	Name of Donor	How Invested	Amount	Rate	1922 Bal.	Inc.	Exp.	Bal.
1897	Ira Whitcher	Ira Whitcher	U. S. Bond	$ 500 00	4¼ p	$58 47	$21 26	$ 16 50	$ 63 23
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U. S. Bond	500 00	4¼ p		21 24	21 24	
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U. S. Bond	1000 00	4¼ p		42 50	42 50	
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U. S. Bond	1750 00	4¼ p		74 37	74 38	
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U. S. Bond	1750 00	4¼ p		74 38	74 37	
1917	L H Parker	L H Parker	2 acres of land	300 00			50 00	50 00	
1919	J C Speed	Return from State	Lisbon Savings Bank	134 71	4 p		5 42	5 42	
1921	Samuel Whitcher & Wm Kendall	Betsey S Kendall	Lisbon Savings Bank	200 00	4 p		8 08	8 08	

All for cemetery lots except 4th for schools and 5th for highways.

LIBRARY REPORT

Number of books in library	280
Number of books in circulation	50

The Dearborn Independent has been given by Henry Ford for the last four years, also four pamphlets.

W. W. EASTMAN, Librarian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash on hand January 31, 1923	$40 62	
Library fund	15 00	
Total received		$55 62
Paid out:		
W. W. Eastman, librarian		$12 00
Cash on hand January 31, 1924		$43 62

N. BURK,
W. W. EASTMAN,
L. H. PARKER,

Library Trustees.

SCHOOL REPORT

Financial Report for the past fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1922 and ending June 30, 1923

RECEIPTS

From taxation:		
For the support of schools	$1,050 00	
For the payment of high school tuition	108 00	
For the salary of district officers	80 00	
For the payment of the $2 per capita tax	62 00	
		$1,300 00
From other sources:		
Dog licenses	$ 38 75	
National forest reserve	43 82	
Income from local trust funds	102 75	
		$185 32
Total receipts		$1,485 32
Cash on hand July 1, 1922		244 23
Total income		$1,729 55

PAYMENTS

Salaries of district officers	$31 00	
Superintendent's excess salary	50 00	
School census	6 00	
Teacher's salary	624 00	
Text books	7 60	
Scholars' suppliies	17 50	
Flags and appurtenances	1 37	
Other expenses of instruction	3 57	
Janitor service	30 50	
Fuel	15 00	
Janitor's supplies	2 51	
Medical inspection	10 00	
Transportation of pupils	108 00	
High school tuition	108 00	
Elementary school tuition	376 00	
State per capita tax	62 00	
Total payments		$1,453 05

Cash on hand June 30, 1923	276 50
Grand total	$1,729 55

SCHOOL BUDGET

Estimates of Expenses For The School Year Beginning June 1, 1924

Teacher's salary, janitor service, fuel, and medical inspection	$800 00
Text books and scholars' supplies	30 00
High school tuition	210 00
Elementary school tuition	225 00
Transportation of pupils	180 00
Salaries of district officers	30 00
Superintendent's excess salary	50 00
State $2 tax	60 00
Repairs and new equipment	100 00
Estimated cost for the year	$1,685 00

This amount should be reduced by income from local funds and by probable cash on hand June 30, 1924 to about $1,250, which should be raised by taxation.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

The present year there are 12 children enrolled at Benton Street, 6 at Glencliff, and 4 at East Haverhill. There are 5 pupils in high school, Frances Braley at Bath, Theda Page at Woodsville, and Lydia Fillian, Charles and George Belyea at Haverhill.

Last year the attendance at Benton Street was excellent. There were but 7 tardy marks; the average attendance was 94 per cent; and 2 pupils were not absent nor tardy for the year, Frances Braley and Welton McKeen.

This year the school is in charge of Marjorie Deming who is proving a capable teacher. There is a helpful spirit of interest and co-operation in the community which is invariably the sign of a good school.

I suggest that the district offer for sale the schoolhouse at Benton Flats and the one over East. Both are in need of repairs. The prospect of a school in either locality is very distant and it would seem poor economy either to keep them in repair or to let them rot down. At present they have some value.

A small sum of money should be raised at school meeting for repairs on the schoolhouse at the Street. The floor is sagging, the lighting is not sufficient, and there is need of paint inside and out. A model schoolbuilding would be a good advertisement for the town.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN J. PAGE.

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Cond. Sex	Liv. or Sb.	No. of Ch.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Oct 26	Leland McKinley McKean	m	L	8	Lee B. McKean	Maude E. Eastman	Benton	Farmer	Landaff	Benton

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, William W. Eastman, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date of Marriage 1923	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in Years	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	Condition No.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Sep 5	Benton	Ralph B. Ward	Benton	26	Engineer	Newton Mas	William W. Ward	Bradford Vt	Carpenter		W. R. Pierce Clergyman Lakeport N H
		Kathryn Mathason	Benton	25	Housework	Newton C M	Alexander Mathason	Warren	Farmer		

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Years	Age Months	Age Days	Place of Birth	Sex	Cond. S., M., W.	Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan 2	Benton	Joe Lavoie	75			Canada	m	w	Laborer	Canada	Canada	P. Lavoie	Lydia Morey
Feb 2	Benton	Joseph LeBloin	33		5	Nova Scotia	m	s	Paper Mill Op	N. S.	N. S.	John Bloin	Kate Dugas
19	Benton	Mary Demos	19	8		Greece	f	s	Cig. Maker	Greece	Greece	Joseph Demas	Ellen ———
Apr 6	Benton	John Johnson	41	2	22	Finland	m	s					
Jul 20	Benton	Marion Etta Coohig	46	8	2	Canada	f	m	Cook	P. Q.	P. Q.	Daniel White	Palmes Boardman
Sep 21	Benton	Donald Hoole	40	9	20	Canada	m	w	Weaver	Canada	Canada	Jle Hoole	Carrie Touseavey
Oct 20	Benton	Thomas Beaulien	64	7	15	Canada	m	m	Farmer	Canada	Canada	Fhoer Beaulien	
Dec 2	Benton	John J. Grady	34			Ireland	m		Laborer	Ireland	Ireland		

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